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LETTER NOVEMBER 29, (D) CCP TASK FORCE SUMMARY
MINUTES NO. 3, NOVEMBER 5, 1973

1. DEPARTMENT VERY MUCH APPRECIATES AMCONSUL MEDELLIN'S INITIATIVE AND IMAGINATIVENESS IN SUBMITTING PROPOSED COMMERCIAL PROGRAM FOR THAT POST (REF A). DEPARTMENT INVITES EMBASSY COMMENT REGARDING PROPOSED PROGRAM'S PLACEMENT IN CCP. IN VIEW OF THE OBJECTIVE OF CLOSER INCORPORATION OF CONSTITUENT POSTS IN CCP TASKS, AS DESCRIBED IN TASK FORCE MINUTES (REF D), PROPOSED PROGRAM APPEARS TO US A RELATIVELY INEXPENSIVE LOCALLY DESIGNED EFFORT WHICH MIGHT SERVE AS MODEL FOR CONSTITUENT POST ACTIVITY IN OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE LARGE URBAN MARKETS EXIST OUTSIDE CAPITAL CITY.

2. DEPARTMENT ALSO APPRECIATES COMPREHENSIVE QUARTERLY
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EVALUATION OF CCP SUBMITTED IN REF B. BUDGETARY PROBLEMS

RELATED TO THE STAFFING OF THE MARKET ANALYSIS UNIT HAVE
BEEN ADDRESSED BY LETTER, REF C.

3. WASHINGTON ACTION STAFF WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR IMPLE-
MENTATION OF CCP AND PROVIDE WASHINGTON ASSISTANCE IF
NEEDED AND POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE PROGRAM GOALS. KISSINGER

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